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S. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

In our last MESSENGER we were obliged to give a depressing account of our Hospital, financially ; now we are much more cheerful again, all our private rooms having been occupied throughout the spring and summer. We depend much on the paying beds to help towards keeping up those which are occupied by patients who are unable to pay, or who can pay but little. The withdrawal of city patients also affects us seriously. In very many cases we have freely received patients who could not obtain city orders for St. John's, yet who were very unwilling to go elsewhere, and we hope we shall continue to do so, until such time as a more liberal minded board of Aldermen may be elected, and we can apply for our city orders again with better hope of success. We are very thankful to have had our rooms full throughout the past months ; we have had no vacancy since April, except for a day or two at a time, and although we were for the first time in our nine year's of Hospital work, in debt, yet we have been able to catch up again, and find ourselves at the end of the financial year with a balance on the right side. We append an epitome of our Government Report, sent in October 1st, for the satisfaction of our friends who shared our anxieties last winter.

We have to express our warm gratitude to Mrs. Broughall's Sunday School Bible Class, for their generous help to us in furnishing a pretty little private room called St. Stephen's Ward. It is very cosy and comfortable, and compares pleasantly with "S. Faith's Ward," which was very completely furnished lately by an Associate. Miss Foster not only furnished the dainty